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SUBJ: UNDP - EUROPEAN COOPERATIVE PROGRAM - PLANT GENETIC

RESOURCES PROJECT

REF: A. GENEVA 0642, B. STATE 024904

1. FOLLOWING AS PARA 2 THIS MESSAGE IS TEXT OF AGREED CONCLUSIONS ADOPTED AT MEETING HELD IN GENEVA FEB 10-11. PLEASE ADVISE WHERE WE SHOULD SEND COPY OF FULL REPORT OF MEETING WHICH EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

2. QUOTE

COLLECTIVE CONSULTATION MEETING - PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES -
10-11 FEBRUARY - GENEVA

THE MEETING:-

1. ACKNOWLEDGED THE WORLD WIDE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONSERVATION OF GENETIC RESOURCES FOR PLANT BREEDING AND RECOGNIZED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION COULD ENSURE THIS OBJECTIVE.

2. SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF STRENGTHENING THIS CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITHIN THE CONCEPT OF THE UNDP ECP.

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3. WELCOMED THE STEPS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY UNDP/FAO AND EUCARPIA IN PREPARING GENETIC RESOURCES CO-OPERATION.

4. URGED UNDP/FAO UNDERTAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE FORMULATION OF THE PROJECT DOCUMENT AND ITS SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR COMMENTS AND APPROVAL, BEARING IN MIND WIDER ASPECTS AND SPECIFICALLY ITS IMPORTANCE FOR DEVELOP-

ING COUNTRIES.

5. STRESSED THAT THE CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND, FURTHER, URGED THAT ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO FACILITATE AND STRENGTHEN THIS CO-OPERATION BY MAKING AVAILABLE ALL POSSIBLE DATA, INFORMATION AND MATERIAL IN ORDER TO ENSURE BETTER CO-ORDINATION AND RESULTS.

6. ENDORSED THE CONCEPT OF CO-OPERATION IN GENETIC RESOURCES ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED IN THE BACKGROUND PAPER AS MODIFIED BY THE MEETING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STEERING AND SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

7. SUPPORTED THE RECRUITMENT INITIALLY FOR ONE YEAR OF A CO-ORDINATOR FINANCED FROM UNDP REGIONAL FUNDS TO ASSIST UNDP/FAO, THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND SAC DURING THE PROJECT FORMULATION. HIS HEADQUARTERS WOULD FOR THE TIME BEING BE IN FAO, ROME.

8. UNDERTOOK THAT EACH INTERESTED GOVERNMENT WOULD NOMINATE BY 15 APRIL 1977 A NATIONAL CO-ORDINATOR TO BE THE FOCAL POINT ON TECHNICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS AND WHO WOULD MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE RELEVANT COMPETENT AUTHORITIES IN HIS COUNTRY.

9. RECOMMENDED THAT THE CO-ORDINATOR IN CONSULTATION WITH UNDP/FAO AND OTHER RELEVANT AUTHORITIES CONVENE A FIRST SAC MEETING BY 1 JUNE 1977, IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE EXECUTING AGENCY TO PRODUCE A FULL FLEDGED PROJECT DOCUMENT. THE CO-ORDINATOR WOULD PREPARE A BACKGROUND PAPER FOR DISCUSSION IN CONSULTATIONS
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WITH FAO AND OTHER RELEVANT BODIES.

10. URGED THAT AS SOON AS A DRAFT PROJECT DOCUMENT IS READY A STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE CALLED TO CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE SUGGESTED ACTION.

11. RECOGNIZED THAT ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE TO FORMULATE A PRECISE BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT PROPER PERIOD, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE COST OF THE CO-ORDINATING FUNCTION WILL BE MODEST AND UNDP WOULD HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PROJECT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS IN ENSUING YEARS (AS FAR AS BUDGETARY PRACTICE OF COUNTRIES PERMIT).

12. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT FAO, AS EXECUTING AGENCY, AND PROVIDING SECRETARIAT SERVICES TO IBPGR, WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE EUROPEAN CO-OPERATIVE PROJECT WILL BE LINKED WITH SIMILAR OTHER REGIONAL UNDERTAKINGS WITHIN THE OVERALL NETWORK OF GENE CENTRES BEING DEVELOPED BY IBPGR WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF FAO AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: SINCE IT WAS CLEAR THAT DIRECT USG PARTICIPATION IN
PROJECT WAS NOT ENVISAGED, MISSION OFFICER WHO COVERED MEETING
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